

WOLVERTON IS A STRICT MANAGER, BUT IS LIKED BY HIS MEN

The New York Americans were fortunate to secure Harry Wolverton as manager for 1912, say all those familiar with the latter's work during the past few years.

Wolverton possesses all the qualities of a great leader and during his career as captain in the minor leagues, has either won a



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Vernon for the first honors, and ran a consistent race, finishing third.

In the Eastern league, Wolverton won two pennants and never finished lower than third.

While Wolverton is strict with his men he never finds fault when he knows they are trying and is the first to encourage a man who has an off day. In a close game last year, Zacher, a heavy hitting outfielder, came to bat on three different occasions when a hit would have won the game for Oakland, but Zacher struck out each time.

While the fans roasted Zacher, Wolverton came over and said, "Never mind, old man, nobody can hit every day."

Harry Ables, has played under many managers, but claims that Wolverton is by long odds the best man he ever worked for, and the same opinion is expressed by all the Oakland players.

During the past season, Glyde Wares, the Oakland shortstop, who goes to St. Louis next season, lost his favorite glove and was much worried about it; he commenced to make errors on the easiest chances until Wolverton, seeing the cause of the trouble, gave his old glove to Wares, who played an errorless game thereafter. Gloves are all alike, but Wares needed confidence in the new glove.

Wolverton's only quarrel with his men is when they neglect to follow his instructions. On such

pennant or been a close contender.

When he took charge of the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast league it had been at the bottom of the list for several seasons. The first season under Wolverton, Oakland fought a bitter battle with Portland for the pennant and lost by a narrow margin.

Last season the Oakland team contended with Portland and